

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1, 11-19, 22, and 24-29 are pending. Claim 22 is considered allowable over the prior art. Claims 1, 11-19, and 24-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, independent claims 1 and 26, as submitted in Applicant's response to the February 25, 2003 Office Action, are considered to have structures that are indefinite based on the bonds and accepted elemental valance requirements

Upon review of the claims submitted in Applicant's response, it is noted that the incorrect symbol was printed for some of the bonds in the chemical structures shown in claims 1 and 26 due to an error by a printer driver. Claims 1 and 26 are herein submitted with the proper printed symbol for all bonds shown in the chemical structures claimed. As such bonds were shown correctly in the claims as filed and in earlier responses, it will be recognized that the use of the incorrect symbol was a clerical error and no additional matter is being added.

The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejection of claims 1, 11-19 and 24-29 and find all of the now pending claims in condition for immediate allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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